

Minutes of
STONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on
Tuesday 8th September 2026
at Stone Parish Rooms
at 7:00 pm

Attendance: Chair Cllr D Killingworth, Cllr D Hine, Cllr R Vale, District Cllr I Hardiman, Locum Clerk R Jefferies and 5 visitors.

1. APOLOGIES Cllr P Hill, Cllr J Aston, Cllr A Wakeman.

2. Police Report: Speeding operation took place on Stone Hill. 2 people reported for speeding offences.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – Representatives from Captain's Pool Angling Club gave a presentation regarding the significant cost of removing several trees. It was agreed that, once a tree survey has been completed, the Club may submit the proposed costs to the Council for consideration of a possible donation at a future meeting.

Members of the public raised concerns that the 2023 election had not been advertised by the former Clerk, noticeboards had not been kept up to date and emails to the Council had gone unanswered. The Council explained that these matters had been the responsibility of the former Clerk and was therefore unable to provide any further information.

A member of the public asked whether the schoolbooks approved for payment at the previous meeting were for children living within the parish. The Council confirmed that they were.

Highway issues were also reported along, Barrs Lane and Stanklyn Lane. Councillor I Hardiman will report these to County Councillor M Hart.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs)
- b) Other Disclosable Interests (ODIs)
- c) Requests for New Dispensations

5. Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting 21st July 2026 could not be signed as the council was not quorate.

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications

6.2 Planning Approvals / Rejections from WFDC

7. Councillors' Reports

7.1 District Councillor's Report

Update from Cllr I Hardiman

EV Chargers have been installed at Wyre Forest House and the Green Street Depot.

Installation at our public car parks is still awaiting authorisation for contractors to complete the necessary works.

The HLF Brinton Park Project has been delayed by services connection issues so the opening will now be later this autumn. Work has been delayed due to highways not granting a permit for the road closure due to the sink hole in Sutton Road near the park. We are pleased, having gone out to tender to appoint a contractor with a proven track record of providing catering across a number of venues in Worcestershire.

7.2 County Councillor's Report

Update from Cllr M Hart:

New Issues

1. I had a manhole cover issue reported to me that was noisy and WCC highways have inspected and there are no safety issues, and the resident says the issue now appears to have resolved itself.
2. I have had a request for the criteria the police will use to carry out speed enforcement on the A448 at Mustow Green and indeed have a permanent camera installed. I am writing to West Mercia's Police's Road Safety team for a definitive answer.
3. I have been out with Dean and inspected overhanging hedges in Stanklyn Lane in the village part by the 90-degree bend. These have now been cut back.
4. The road works at the end of Stanklyn Lane have been completed and it is now open.
5. The road works at the end of Curslow Lane have been completed and were so ahead of schedule.

7.3 Councillors' Reports

7.4 Clerk's Report

7.5 Report from Outside Bodies (CALC)

8. STONE MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR DECISION

No decisions were made on the following items as the meeting was not quorate.

8.1 Standard Documents:

- 8.1.1 Data Protection Policy
- 8.1.2 Privacy Notice
- 8.1.3 Records Retention Policy
- 8.1.4 Publication Scheme (FOI)
- 8.1.5 Complaints procedure
- 8.1.6 Reserves Policy
- 8.1.7 Lone Working Policy

8.2 Appointment of new Clerk.

8.3 Police Survey

8.4 Captains Pool - Phoenix Angling Club - Trees

8.5 Banking update

8.6 Website

8.7 Meeting Dates for 2027

8.8 Purchase of new laptop

8.9 Update from former Clerk

9. Financial Report and Actions

9.1 To receive schedule of payments and receipts from August 2026. – Acknowledged.

9.2 To approve Bank Reconciliation for the month ending August 2026. – Acknowledged.

10. Date of Next Meeting 10th November 2026

Meeting ended 8.30pm